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SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO RECIFE

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MRS. CARTER'S PROGRAM IN RECIFE AND SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR MRS. VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR EACH PROGRAM.

2. GOVERNOR OF PERNAMBUCO AND WIFE AGREE IN PRINCIPAL WITH PROGRAM FOR RECIFE VISIT AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1145: ARRIVAL AT GURARAPES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. PLANE WILL TAXI TO APRON IN FRONT OF VIP ROOM AT CIVILIAN AIR TERMINAL WHERE PASSENGERS WILL DISEMBARK. MRS. CARTER AND PARTY WILL BE RECEIVED BY CONSUL AND GOVERNOR, THEIR WIVES, AND ABOUT TWO HUNDRED GUESTS. GUESTS, WHO WILL BE BY INVITATION, WILL INCLUDE STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS FROM A LIST PREPARED BY THE GOVERNOR AND REPRESENTATIVES, INVITED BY THE CONSULATE, FROM THE PERNAMBUCO PARTERNS, BAPTISTS, AMERICAN WOMAN'S CLUB, LIONS, ROTARY, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CONSULATE STAFF, PEACE CORPS, PROJECT HOPE, LOCAL MEDIA AND OTHERS. GOVERNOR AGREES TO HOLD FORMALITIES TO MINIMUM CONSIS-
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TENT WITH PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS SET BY ITAMARATY. PROPOSE THAT MRS. CARTER MAKE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY REMARKS BY THE GOVERNOR. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. THE GOVERNOR PLANS TO PRESENT A GIFT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER--A COLLECTION OF WATER COLOR PRINTS OF OLD RECIFE WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF DOLLARS EIGHTY--AND MRS. CAVALCANTI PLANS TO GIVE MRS. CARTER A HAND MADE BEIGE LACE RENAISSANCE TABLECLOTH MADE IN PEXEIRA,

PERNAMBUCO (ESTIMATED VALUE DOLLARS TWO HUNDRED). THE PARTERNS OF THE AMERICAS PLANS TO GIVE MRS. CARTER A HAND MADE RUG MADE AT CASA CRIADA IN RECIFE. PLANE CAN TAXI TO AIR BASE SIDE OF FIELD AND PARK UNTIL DEPARTURE.

B. 1230: LEAVE FOR HOUSING PROJECT AT MUITARAO LOCATED IN ISBURA NEAR THE AIRPORT (14 MINUTES DRIVING TIME).

THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL LOW COST FEDERAL/STATE HOUSING PROJECTS FOR THE POORER OF THE POOR RELOCATED FROM SHACKS (MOCAMBOS) ALONG THE CAPIBERIBE RIVER WHERE THE RIVER OVERFLOWS DURING PERIODIC RECIFE FLOODS (FIVE IN THE PAST TWELVE YEARS). RELOCATION OF THESE PEOPLE BENEFITS THE POOR AND PERMITS STREIGHTENING AND WIDENING OF THE RIVER AT CRITICAL POINS WHERE FLOODING OCCURS MOST OFTEN. THIS VISIT INCLUDES A BRIEF STOP AT ONE OF THE HOUSES AND THE TIO JOSE CHILD CARE CENTER FOR 200 CHILDREN AGES THREE MONTHS TO SIX YEARS WHOSE WORKING MOTHERS LIVE IN THE HOUSING PROJECT. THIS CENTER IS SUPPORTED BY CRUZADA DA ACAO SOCIAL (ORGANIZATION SPONSORED BY MARGARIDA CAVALCANTI, GOVERNOR'S WIFE) AND PAYMENT OF THIRTY-FIVE CENTS PER MONTH BY EACH MOTHER.

C. 1400: LEAVE FOR FRIENDS'S HOME IN PIEDADE AND FREE TIME.

JANET STINER IS PLEASED TO HAVE MRS. CARTER AND MRS. MACBEAN AS HOUSE GUESTS. SHE IS PLANNING TO INVITE A GROUP OF MUTUAL FRIENDS TO MEET WITH MRS. CARTER IN THE AFTERNOON.

3. PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR MRS. VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN.

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A. 1430: INFORMAL LUNCH AT THE CONSUL'S RESIDENCE ATTENDED BY MRS. VANCE; MR. TODMAN; MR. AND MRS. NILSON DE CRAVEIRO HOLANDA (SYLVIA), PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF THE NORTHEAST; DR. AND MRS. JOSE LINS DE ALBUQUERQUE, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SUDENE).

B. 1530: LADIES DEPART FOR VISIT TO BRENAND CERAMIC ART FACTORY. WILL SEE POOR RURAL PART OF RECIFE ENROUTE AND LARGE CREATIVE ART PIECES.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN DISCUSSES NORTHEAST ECONOMIC SITUATION WITH MR. HOLANDA AND DR. LINS.

C. 1700: RETURN TO MIRAMAR HOTEL.

D. 2000: VISIT WITH CONSUL AND WIFE TO CASA DA CULTURA, A FORMER PRISON IN DOWNTOWN RECIFE, CONVERTED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO A CULTURAL CENTER WHERE REGIONAL ARTISAN ART IS SOLD FROM STORES LOCATED IN FORMER CELLS.

E. 2100: DINNER WITH CONSUL AND WIFE AT MOURISCOS IN HISTORIC OLINDA.

F. 2230: RETURN TO HOTEL.

G. JUNE 9: DEPART RECIFE AFTER BREAKFAST.
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